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SUBJECT: SITUATION OF BUKOVSKIY

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1. VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY'S MOTHER, NINA IVANOVNA, TOLD US SHE HAS HAD NO WORD FROM HER SON, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR EIGHT MONTHS. BUKOVSKIY IS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN VLADIMIR PRISON UNDER A "STRICT REGIME" AND APPARENTLY IS NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO CORRESPOND WITH HIS LAWYER. NINA IVANOVNA IS UNABLE TO RECEIVE ASSURANCES THAT HER LETTERS TO BUKOVSKIY ARE DELIVERED. SHE HAS DEMANDED TO BE TOLD THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF SIX LETTERS, BUT HAS ONLY BEEN TOLD THAT "LETTERS ARE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW." SHE WOULD NORMALLY BE ALLOWED TO VISIT BUKOVSKIY ON 28 JULY, BUT VISITS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO THOSE HELD UNDER STRICT REGIME. SHE EXPECTS THAT IF THE STRICT REGIME ENDS AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IN MID-AUGUST, SHE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE BUKOVSKIY SOON AFTER. HOWEVER, CITING THE FACT THAT HE WAS (AND MAY STILL BE) ON A HUNGER STRIKE, SHE HAS RECENTLY ASKED THAT HER VISIT BE ALLOWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. NINA IVANOVNA HAS RECEIVED AN ISRAELI "VYSOV" FOR BUKOVSKIY, BUT WOULD NOT SAY IF SHE EXPECTED HE WOULD MAKE USE OF IT WHEN HE IS RELEASED. IF HIS PRISON TERM IS NOT EXTENDED, BUKOVSKIY HAS NINE MORE MONTHS TO SERVE IN PRISON AND AN ADDITIONAL NINE-TEN MONTHS IN CAMP.

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